

**TECHNOLOGY**

In this issue we would like to stress internet safety. It is important that you are aware of the safety hazards that exist while surfing the net. At school we do our best to protect you through our firewall. However you may

not have this protection at home. Follow the following safety guidelines and visit the useful links below to learn more about internet safety.

**INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS FROM MCGRUFF**

redbaNever give out personal information on the Internet. Don't share your real name, where you live, where you go to school or anything about your family.   
redbaIt’s best not to talk to strangers, just like when you're at the park or in a store. Someone may pretend to be someone he or she is not.   
redbaDon't agree to meet anyone you've talked to on line. Tell your parents if an on–line friend wants to get together so your parents know all about it.   
redbaIf you fill out a personal profile that other kids can read on line, don't write anything that says too much about you. You may think only your friends can see it, but strangers can find out about you, too.   
redbaDon't write back to *flames* (people who use bad language or want to get into an argument on line).   
redbaLog off immediately if you see or read something that upsets you. Tell your parents or a teacher if something like that happens.  
redbaProtect your password. No one should ever ask you for it for any reason.  
redbaDon't buy anything over the Internet without your parent's approval. Don't give out a credit card number without your parent's knowledge.  
redbaNever send pictures over the Internet unless your parents know about it.  
redbaAsk your parent's permission to visit a chat room.  
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**WEBSITES TO VISIT**

<http://www.netsmartzkids.org/indexfl.htm>

<http://www.ikeepsafe.org/iksc_kids/>

<http://www.attorneygeneral.gov/kid_site/elementary_school/index.htm>

<http://www.fbi.gov/kids/k5th/safety2.htm>

<http://www.safekids.com/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/help/safesurfing/>

<http://www.att.com/Common/images/safety/game.html>